

visit the World War II monument, which memorializes the sacrifice made by so many.

Thankfully, Honor Flight organizations from all over the Nation have taken it upon themselves to make sure WWII veterans who otherwise would be unable to make the trip to D.C., have an opportunity to do so.

This amazing group, made up entirely of unpaid volunteers, raises money and donates time to ensure these veterans of World War II see not only the WWII monument, but also the changing of the guard at Arlington National Cemetery—all at no cost to the veteran.

These honor flights take veterans to Washington from April through November each year, and provide flights, deluxe tour bus service, t-shirts, scooters, wheelchairs, oxygen and meals—at a cost of \$20,000 per flight. Many people say they are grateful for the sacrifices of our Nation's veterans, but this group puts it that idea into action.

In my home state of Michigan, over 414 veterans were flown to Washington, DC by Honor Flight of Michigan last year, and so far this year 346 veterans have been afforded the opportunity to see Washington, DC.

I can think of no group more worthy of recognition than the Honor Flight Network. These fine Americans do great work, and I personally want to thank them for honoring our Nation's veterans—they have fought, bled, and sacrificed on our behalf and we owe them a debt that can never be repaid.

However, I'm grateful to see Americans working together in partnership with business and the donations of hard working men and women can be applied to honoring the "Greatest Generation" of Americans.

TRIBUTE TO MATT LOGAN

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Corona, California are exceptional. Corona has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Matt Logan is one of these individuals. On September 23, 2008, the Temescal District Boy Scouts of America will host the 2008 Distinguished Citizens Dinner in honor of Matt Logan.

Matt Logan has been the coach of the Centennial Huskies for 11 years. Centennial is currently ranked number 17 in the country and Matt has an overall record of 108–3. In the last eight seasons the Huskies have posted an incredible record of 90–15, which includes four CIF Championships, seven League Championships, a trip to the State Championship Bowl Game, and a 22 game winning streak.

Matt's coaching honors include: the 2007 Press Enterprise Sportsmen of the Year; NFL/ABC 2007 Coach of the Year; 2004 CalHiSports State Coach of the Year; the 2002, 2004, and 2007 Riverside County Coach of the Year; four-time CIF Coach of the Year; six-time League Coach of the Year; and two-time NFL Coach of the Week. Matt was selected to coach in the 2007 Southern Cali-

fornia Bowl, the 2002 and 2003 Inland Empire All-Star Classic, the 2004 Cal/Florida Bowl, and the 2004 Shrine Game. During Coach Logan's tenure, there have been over 50 players to earn college scholarships.

Before becoming the Head Coach, Matt served as the Defensive Coordinator for the Huskies when they reached the CIF Finals in 1996 and the CIF semi-finals in 1995. Prior to Centennial High School, he coached at Esperanza High School and at Mater Dei High School. A 1985 graduate of Norco High School, Matt lettered in football, basketball and track and he was elected into the Hall of Fame in 1997. After high school, Coach Logan went on to play running back at Fullerton College and then at Chico State University. He graduated from Chico State in 1990 with a degree in Business. After a couple of years in sales, Matt returned to college and in 1995 received his Teaching Credential from Cal State Fullerton. In 2001, he graduated with a Masters Degree in Education from Azusa Pacific University. In addition to his Head Coach responsibilities, he teaches Physical Education at Centennial High School. Matt and his late wife Donna, have three beautiful daughters; Lindsey who is 16 and a Junior at Centennial, Samantha who is 13 and Madison who is 12 years old.

Matt's tireless passion for coaching and mentoring has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Corona, California and to Centennial High School. I am proud to call Matt a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for his service and salute them as a 2008 Distinguished Citizen.

GREAT LAKES—ST. LAWRENCE RIVER BASIN WATER RE- SOURCES COMPACT

SPEECH OF

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 22, 2008

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to show my strong support for S.J. Res. 45, the Great Lakes—St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact. As a Member who represents two critical natural resources, Lake Erie and Lake Ontario, both part of the Great Lakes Basin, I believe this legislation is extremely timely and worthwhile to the long-term future of the Great Lakes. This bill will help address the needs of my community, as well as the many challenges that the Great Lakes Basin faces. It will have an impact on millions of gallons of freshwater, millions of people who use the Great Lakes for rest and relaxation, as well as thousands of jobs supported by the Great Lakes.

By passing this resolution today, and ratifying the Great Lakes Compact, we have the power and ability to ensure this precious resource is protected for generations to come. The Compact, which has already been ratified by all eight states affected, outlines a concrete plan of action to provide for protection of the Great Lakes now, and in the future. This Compact is imperative in helping protect this national treasure for the millions of Americans who enjoy the Great Lakes. I am pleased that

Congress chose not to run the risk of leaving the Great Lakes unprotected and at risk for our children and grandchildren.

I would like to thank the Speaker for answering our call and moving this essential resolution right away. With the Senate having already passed this landmark legislation and the President indicating his support and willingness to sign it as soon as it gets to his desk, this is a historic day for the Members of the Great Lakes states from both sides of the aisle. It has been a pleasure working with a broad coalition of Members to ensure the long-term protection of the Great Lakes.

I urge all of my colleagues to support this resolution.

HONORING THE MARLOWE FAMILY

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Marlowe family, and their father, Edward Marlowe, for the bravery they have shown in supporting their father's career with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) in La Paz, Bolivia, which is a part of the DEA jurisdiction known as the Southern Cone Region.

The Marlowe family lived and worked in Bolivia in the Southern Cone Region which consists of Brazil, Chile, Argentina, Paraguay, and Uruguay. These countries are considered to be transit zones for the movement of cocaine base, cocaine HCL, and heroin being shipped from Colombia and Peru to market in the United States. The DEA has the largest international presence of any federal law agency, with 87 foreign offices in 63 countries.

Mr. Marlowe, as a DEA agent, has served our Nation with courage, vision, and determination in protecting our communities from the dangers of narco-trafficking violence during his service in Bolivia. He contributed to the crackdown on these dangerous drug cartels by working to stop the distribution and manufacture of these drugs from entering the market. I thank the Marlowe family, especially Edward's wife, Violet, and their daughter, Joelle, for standing firm in the face of the dangers they faced while staying in Bolivia.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to have this time to recognize the Marlowe family for their bravery and determination they showed during Mr. Marlowe's service in Bolivia.

HONORING ERIC JORDAN STAVES

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Eric Jordan Staves of Liberty, Missouri. Eric is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 376, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Eric has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Eric has been involved with

Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Eric Jordan Staves for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE WESTERN WAYNE YOUTH TRAVELING CLASSIC

SPEECH OF

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 22, 2008

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge the Western Wayne Youth Traveling Classic (WWYTC) League, upon the 25th anniversary of its establishment.

Now celebrating its 25th year, the Western Wayne Traveling Classic is a junior bowling league. Since its inception, over one thousand young bowlers have been enriched by the program. Importantly, more than thirty thousand dollars in scholarships have been awarded to bowlers through the WWYTC, substantially contributing to the education opportunities of Detroit area youth. The WWYTC has become a beloved area institution of Canton, Westland, and the Wayne County area in general. Relationships are built and young people given activities that keep them occupied constructively. In the past quarter century, a marriage has resulted from young people meeting in league competition, and the first child of a first generation WWYTC youth has now become a member of the WWYTC. This league has produced world bowling hall of fame members like Lisa Bishop, and become a well-known fixture of the Wayne County area.

From 1983 to the present, its founder, Harold Winters has served as the Executive Director of the Western Wayne Youth Traveling Classic League. His initiative began a league which enabled youth in the area to compete, learn about sportsmanship, and constructively participate in their community. Before the league's founding in 1983, there were no classic bowling leagues in the Western Wayne County area. This league created an opportunity for young bowlers to learn the fundamentals of the sport and compete in a fun and family oriented environment.

Madam Speaker, over the years, the Western Wayne Youth Traveling Classic has been a beloved feature of the Wayne County area. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding the spirit represented by this league, and the benefits it has brought to our community.

A TRIBUTE TO SAINT JOHN'S FOUNDATION BOARD TRUSTEE JERRY B. EPSTEIN AND HIS BELOVED WIFE, PAT, FOR THEIR MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my dear friends, Jerry B. Epstein and his remarkable wife, Pat, who are being honored on October 11 with the Spirit of Saint John's Award at the 2008 Caritas Gala at the Beverly Wilshire in Beverly Hills, California.

To fully capture the breadth of this extraordinary couple's service to Saint John's and the community at large, I would like to share with my colleagues a tribute written by members of the Saint John's Health Center Foundation family. As a person who has had the privilege of knowing this remarkable couple for many years, I feel the tribute captures Jerry and Pat's tireless work to make Saint John's the quality health center it is today. It also highlights their many other contributions to the Los Angeles community they hold so dear.

The foundation's tribute reads, "Pat and Jerry's love for Saint John's is apparent in the enthusiasm and passion they bring to each project they embrace. When asked why they have chosen to devote so much of their time and energy to the Health Center, Jerry will tell you that having a place like Saint John's is absolutely essential—"as important as having food to eat and a roof over your head."

Jerry joined the Saint John's Foundation Board of Trustees in 1975 and was elected Chairman in 2006 and 2007. He has actively participated in numerous hospital and Foundation initiatives including leadership of the Development Oversight Committee, Building Committee, Leadership Giving, Jimmy Stewart Relay Marathon Committee, Chautauqua Inaugural Committee, The Saint John's Legacy Project and the Campaign for Saint John's. He currently serves as a member of the Foundation Executive Committee and Board of Counselors. During the design and construction of the new Health Center campus, Jerry's vast knowledge and experience in large-scale real estate development have been invaluable to Saint John's.

Jerry's commitment to Saint John's is matched by his wife and 60-year life-long partner, Pat, whose contributions have touched everyone in the Saint John's family. As one of the founding members of the Irene Dunne Guild, she continues to be an integral part of this important support group. She is a committee member of the Women's Health Initiative and serves on several fundraising event committees. Pat has graciously hosted countless dinners and special events in their home to introduce friends and neighbors to Saint John's.

The Epsteins' dedication to Saint John's is rivaled only by their pride for the State of California. Jerry is a true real estate visionary and since 1952 has been involved in the development, construction and management of major building projects in Los Angeles. One of the highlights of his extremely successful career in real estate is the development of Marina del

Rey, the largest pleasure boat harbor community in the world.

Jerry's leadership in civic affairs extends to all sectors of the community and he has proudly served every California governor since Ronald Reagan on State boards and commissions, including the California Transportation Commission and California High Speed Rail Authority, City of Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners and Los Angeles State Building Authority, all of which he served as president.

A dedicated student of history, Jerry collects memorabilia associated with the Founding Fathers and other great American statesmen. He is perhaps most proud of the collection he recently donated to the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, which included an original copy of the Declaration of Independence, plus documents and letters signed by every signatory of the Declaration, including Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and John Hancock.

Pat and Jerry's energy is boundless when it comes to making a difference in their community. Jerry serves on the board of directors of The Jewish Federation of Los Angeles and a three-person committee overseeing the construction of the new L.A. County USC and Harbor UCLA Medical Centers. Pat is an officer of the Beverly Hills Hadassah and a member of the Governing Board of FIDM/The Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising, one of the largest institutions of its kind in the Nation. A gifted artist, sculptor and collector, Pat is also a member of the city's artistic community and is passionate about the time she spends in her studio, Studio Eight, sculpting in different mediums.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Pat and Jerry for their generosity, dedication and love for Saint John's Health Center, the greater Los Angeles region and the State of California. They have given selflessly of their time, creativity, talent and financial resources to many important causes and it is with great pride that I join Saint John's in recognizing them for their significant and ongoing contributions to our communities.

CONGRATULATIONS ON TAIWAN NATIONAL DAY, OCTOBER 10TH 2008

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I congratulate Taiwan President Ma Ying-jeou and Ambassador Jason Yuan on Republic of China's National Day on October 10th, 2008. The Taiwanese people have every reason to be proud of their freedom, their full-fledged democracy and their economic wellbeing. The people have the best schools, health facilities and a first rate transit system throughout the island. The Taiwanese standard of living has long been the envy of much of the world.

In addition, Taiwan is a peace loving nation. It is friendly with all free nations and maintains superb economic and political relationship with the United States. Hopefully, it will soon work out a way to live in harmony with the Chinese mainland. The ROC President Ma Ying-jeou